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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Sternberg and Barr  
Application No.: 09/655,160  
Filed: September 5, 2000  
Title: POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE GENE HOMOLOGS REQUIRED FOR  
MALE MATING BEHAVIOR IN NEMATODES AND ASSAYS BASED  
THEREON

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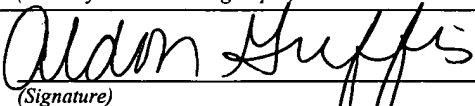
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.312**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 15, 2003, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendments to the subject application prior to payment of the issue fee which is due March 15, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312, please amend the subject application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>February 11, 2004</b> , in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop ISSUE FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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**Priority Acknowledgment in Form PTO-37, Notice of Allowability**

Applicants note that the claim for domestic priority under 35 USC §§ 119(e) is not indicated on Form PTO-37, the Notice of Allowability, in section 5. Please ensure that acknowledgment is made for domestic priority under 35 USC §§ 119(e) when a patent based on this application issues.